

## FURIOUS STORM

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Several People Reported Drowned and Others Missing—Five Lives Lost on Lake Geneva.

CHICAGO, July 7.—One of the most furious wind and rainstorms known in this vicinity for years passed over the city about 6 o'clock this evening, coming from the northwest. The day had been intensely hot, and there was many people out on the lake in sail boats, and as the storm came very suddenly, it is feared that several lives were lost. The different life-saving crews have been busy all evening tracking down the capsized boats, people clinging to planks, etc., and up to 10 p. m. have brought in the occupants of three capsized boats, all in a very exhausted condition. No trace of any others has been found up to this hour, and it is hoped that no more are out.

The police at the Cottage Grove-avenue station, on the South Side, claim that they distinctly saw a sail boat with three occupants disappear during the height of the gale, and that nothing was seen of it again during the daylight. Life savers from the South Side cruised about that locality for some time, but found no traces of a wreck. It is probable that more missing will be reported from the various suburbs at a later hour.

Up to within twenty minutes of the descent of the storm upon the city the sky had been clear and the sun shining brightly. Suddenly heavy black clouds began to gather in the northwest, and a few minutes later a terrific gale of wind, accompanied by a perfect food of rain and furious thunder and lightning, burst over the city. Shade trees were broken off close to the ground, awnings, signs, etc. torn away, and much minor damage done in the city proper. The wind moderated after about half an hour, but the furious rain continued for fully two hours, during which time the streets were running with water. The parks had been crowded all day with people seeking relief from the almost intolerable heat, and when the storm began there was a stampede for the various elevated and cable lines. The surface lines were all equipped with open cars, the canvas curtains on which afforded but slight protection in the furious rain, which poured in torrents in every direction. As a result the occupants of every train made a sorry looking sight before they had traveled a block, and most of them, after getting a thorough soaking, deserted the cars and sought the shelter of convenient stairways and stores along the streets on which they were traveling, and there they sought to remain until 7:30 or take the chance of another wetting by taking the cars. Many basements were flooded all over the city, and in some instances fire engines had to be called for to pump out stores. Several houses in the outlying districts of the city were struck by lightning and seriously damaged. Two small residences were completely destroyed, but no one injured. The pecuniary loss in both cases was small.

At the height of the storm a signal tower beside the Panhandle tracks at Ada street was blown over and the towerman, August Beedlow, suffered fatal injuries. Several other persons were seriously injured, and bruised by flying debris. Several persons in the boats which were blown out into the lake by the hurricane report having an awful experience. So far the only fatality actually verified is the case of Charles Klein, John Ross and Charles Smith, who were in a rowboat when the storm burst, and of whom no trace has yet been found. The yawlboat of the Saint Francis, which was out on this evening off Twenty-sixth street, but it is thought that the yacht was weathered the rain and made some progress. The damage to telegraph and telephone lines northwest of the city was very great. Every telegraph line was down, and many poles being carried away, and it was 10 o'clock before the telegraph communication was restored to Milwaukee. Even then it was very precarious, there being but two very shaky wires, and the demand for service was enormous. Great gangs of repairers are out from both ends of the route.

Robert Terrell and John Fitzgerald, who were out in a rowboat when the storm came up, had a narrow escape from drowning. The tug "Success" had not been near, they in all probability would have gone down. The boat capsized and the two men were rescued. A line was thrown, which was grabbed by Fitzgerald and he was pulled on board the tug. Alex. L. engineer of the tug, seeing that Terrell was sinking, jumped in to save him. Terrell grabbed the engineer in such manner that he was unable to use his arms. A line was thrown then, the engineer by an effort managed to grab the line, and both were pulled on board the tug. The condition from this narrow escape from drowning.

Later reports coming in through the police and insurance patrols this evening show that the losses in the downtown districts alone will be very large. The great department store of Rothschild & Co., occupying nearly three-quarters of a square, and fronting on the State street, suffered most, nearly all the plate-glass windows in the State street side being blown in, and goods scattered all over the street for distance back badly damaged by the flood of rain. Several persons who happened to be passing by the store at the time received painful injuries from bits of flying glass, pieces of flagstays from the roof, etc. Plate-glass windows were also blown in in several other large downtown stores.

Up to midnight no further fatalities had been reported and it is thought now that everyone who was out on the lake has been accounted for. The report of the sinking of three men off Cottage Grove avenue is thought to be without foundation. The small boat containing three men put ashore safely near the Farragut boat house soon after the police were called to the station. This is thought to have been the one seen by the officer.

## AT OTHER POINTS.

High Temperature Followed by a Severe Wind and Rainstorm.

CHICAGO, July 7.—Dispatches from many points in the central and northern portions of Illinois and southern Wisconsin tell of furious storms this afternoon and evening, though in no place did the damage reach so high a point as in Chicago.

The weather all through the State was oppressively hot all day, and the storm came with remarkable suddenness toward evening.

Along the lake shore north of here there was much minor damage done, and it is feared that when the returns are all in it will be found that there was much greater loss of life than had been reported.

At Savanna, Ill., the storm almost reached the proportions of a cyclone. A number of trees and small buildings were blown down. At Peoria the mercury had stood at 38 degrees all day until 4 o'clock, when the storm suddenly swept down upon the city. Several buildings were blown down, and the story frame block completely destroyed, and much damage done to trees, awnings and windows. Many boats were out on the lake, but so far as known to-night all succeeded in reaching places of safety.

A dispatch from Havana, Wis., says that the most destructive rain and windstorm that ever visited that locality came this afternoon. The wind was from the south and east, hurled up trees and blew down corn, and the devastation was greatest. A portion of the roof of the Mettewee Hotel was blown off.

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